Town of Patagonia, Arizona Flood and Flow Committee

MISSION: The watershed is a vital component of this community's well-being. The Sonoita Creek Flood and Flow Study Committee will (i) make recommendations to the Patagonia Town Council with respect to best practices within its jurisdiction to manage erosion, to enhance water flow, to create optimal flood mitigation and to promote the long-term health of the riparian corridor, (ii) look at the entire watershed area to influence upstream conditions and to mitigate downstream consequences, and (iii) educate the public.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Carolyn Shafer-F&F Chairperson &
Patagonia Area Resource Alliance: PARA
Dave Ellis-Patagonia Area Water Study: PAWS
Marty Lawrence-The Nature Conservancy: TNC

Murphy Musick-Community Rating System: *CRS*Kate Tirion-deep dirt farm: *DDFI*Kurt Vaughn-Borderlands Restoration Network: *BRN*Howard Buchanan-Tucson Audubon Paton Center: *TAPC*

Meeting- March 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Town Hall, Patagonia, Arizona

Members Present: Carolyn, Marty, Kurt, Howard

Members Absent: Murphy, Kate, Dave

Guests: Jennifer Varin (Coronado National Forest Watershed Manager), Bob Proctor, Glen Goodwin (PARA), Anna

Sofia (PARA), Yvonne Lineiro (South32), Michael Stabile (Patagonia Council Member), Tomas Jonsson

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Carolyn Shafer

A. Action items

- Approval of February 13, 2020 minutes- Motion to approve- Carolyn, Second-Marty; Minutes approved unanimously
- Kurt moves to accept Kathy Pasierb's resignation; second by Howard; motion approved unanimously
- Carolyn moves to forward Bob Proctor's name to the Town Council for appointment to the Flood & Flow Committee, second by Marty; motion approved unanimously

PRESENTATION:

Jennifer Varin, Coronado National Forest Watershed Manager gave a presentation on the status of the Town of Pataognia's as an official Forest Service municipal watershed. Recording of presentation has been shared with committee members.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

- Carolyn reports that Next Gen advises it has prepared the Roadmap grant project report.
- Carolyn reports that Sean Schrag Toso's graduate presentation will be on April 18 for EARTHfest.
- The Town has filed a renewal for its AZDPES permit for the wastewater treatment plant
- Howard updates on Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSMART grant application

Next meeting April 9, 2020

Motion to adjourn: Carolyn, second by Howard

Meeting adjourned 11:30 pm